

Minneapolis Youth Council Meeting
March 25, 2015, 8:30 a.m.
American Indian OIC
1845 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55454

Meeting Call to Order: Tyler Olson

Welcome to American Indian OIC: Dawn Paro and Don Clark

Personal and Business Best News

Approval of November 2014 and January 2015 Minutes

9:00: Updates and Headlines (Minneapolis Employment & Training Reports)

Teresa Harrold

- Waiting for specific information about WIOA changes and regulations from the Department of Labor. See attached Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Fact Sheet.
- The new WIOA program year starts April 1, 2015.
- An RFP for mini-fans to serve 32 youth in the ZIP code of 55454 (Cedar Riverside) will be issued April 27, 2015. Services would start July 1, 2015 and continue to March 31, 2016.
- Will need readers for the RFP in late May or early June.
- The master contract list will accept new agency inquiries in April or May, 2015. The old list will expire December 31, 2015. If anyone is interested, they should send their information to Pat Behrend.
- A motion to accept the provider incentive cap of \$75 maximum for goal accomplishment or activity was made by Tyler Olson and approved. Harvey Rucker seconded. See attached 2014 Minneapolis Employment and Training Minneapolis Youth Works Provider Incentives sheet.
- Minneapolis Youth Works @MPS that serves youth with disabilities will be eliminated due to MPS staffing and WIOA program changes.
- Teresa recommended that we keep the current Minneapolis Youth Works providers and issue an RFP for new providers January 2016. See attached Minneapolis Youth Works Funding Recommendations document.
- Tyler Olson made a motion that the Minneapolis Urban League's funding be cut because of poor performance and it was seconded. Dorothy Heidelberger seconded. Teresa will talk to Deb about the motion.

Pat Behrend

- The Minneapolis PARTNERS With Youth Conference was a big success with approximately 250 attending.
- The Minneapolis Teen Job Fair will be April 25 at the Minneapolis Central Library from Noon-3 p.m.
- Vendors are still needed. If you know a business that hires teens and might be interested, send them to Pat.
- See attached March report.

Tammy Dickinson

- STEP-UP mock interviews are April 13-16. If you are interested in participating, contact Tammy.
- STEP-UP is seeking funding from
 - Minnesota Youth Plan - \$330,000
 - Youth Competitive Grant - \$850,000 due May 4.
 - Direct Allocation from the State - \$850,000 + 10% (If received, we would lose the competitive grant.)STEP-UP is co-applying with the Minneapolis Park Board and the City of St. Paul.
- STEP-UP expects to employ 1,650 youth this summer.

- 620 Discover
- 320 Explorer
- 750 Achieve
- Tammy is working on a grant for homeless youth with Hennepin County and other City staff.
- STEP-UP staff is providing technical assistance to the Bridge Alliance (Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center) to get a youth employment program up and running. The program will have a different name but will say that it is modeled on STEP-UP.
- Tammy would like to discuss a youth leadership committee at a future meeting.
- Tammy would like to do Youth Council committee work around creating a marketing packet in order to do targeted funding for STEP-UP supervisor training enhancements, the STEP-UP Celebration and technical needs.

Anna Peterson

- The STEP-UP Celebration will be August 10, 2-4 p.m. at the Guthrie Theater.
- Anna is working to provide more language regarding STEP-UP supervisor mentoring expectations.
- The last STEP-UP work readiness training is March 28.
- Approximately 65% of Achieve youth and 70% of Discover youth completed their training.

Updates and Discussion on Cedar Riverside (CR) Youth Employment

- An Executive Council of the Minneapolis Workforce Council meeting was **held to** discuss the two meetings (Workforce Council and Youth Council) on employment that were held in Cedar Riverside. Selected Minneapolis Employment and Training staff, Youth Council members Ann DeGroot and Laura Beeth, Ibrahim Noor (WorkForce Centers director), and Abdi Muse from the Mayor's office were in attendance.
- A conference call was held February 3 with Minneapolis Employment and Training youth staff and Youth Council members Tyler Olson, Ann DeGroot and Laura Beeth to discuss employment issues in Cedar Riverside.
- Some of the ideas that came out of these two meetings were
 - More messaging about the WorkForce Centers
 - Bi-lingual WFC staff visit Riverside Plaza
 - An information piece like a "We Are Here" flyer
 - Community outreach workers to promote the info piece
 - STEP-UP could offer first year Cedar Riverside youth a job in the neighborhood
 - A Minneapolis Youth Works RFP
 - New provider list opportunity coming up
- A meeting will be held on March 26 to plan for a Cedar Riverside follow-up meeting to share with previous Cedar Riverside meetings attendees what Minneapolis Employment and Training has done and is planning to do to address the employment concerns that were raised.

The minutes from the November 12, 2014 and the January 14 were approved.

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